

COUNCIL BRIEFS

August 25, 2017

Back to School! Drive cautiously: Over 10,000 schoolchildren will be heading back to school on Wednesday, August 30 and the Police Department reminds motorists to be mindful of speed limits within school zones, to stop when school buses have its lights on, to watch for children in crosswalks, and to obey the signals from school crossing guards.

The West Hartford Police Department is adding extra patrols around schools to ensure that all children travel to and from school safely. All traffic laws will be strictly enforced.

Center Street bicycle event, August 27: Folks of all ages are invited to cycle or stroll along a care-free and car-free route in West Hartford Center on Sunday August 27, 9 AM to 1:00 PM. Music, food, and a bike rodeo are featured.

Maintenance shutdown: A temporary shutdown of the Veteran Memorial Skating Rink is planned for August 28-September 5 to install new LED lighting over the ice rink, and in the lobby and office areas.

Upgrades will be completed on the refrigeration system motors and repairs will be made throughout the facility.

A temporary shutdown is also underway at Cornerstone Aquatics Center for facility cleaning and modest renovations. The pool will reopen on August 27.

Lottery for Election Day ballot: The Office of the Registrar of Voters will conduct a lottery to determine the order in which the candidates' names will appear on the Election Day ballot. The lottery will be held at Town Hall, Room 209, on Monday, August 28 at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to the public.

Two-Way Text Option to report power outages: Eversource customers can now report a power outage and get updates on that outage through text messaging.

Customers who want to take advantage of this convenient two-way texting option must first

register their mobile device either online at Eversource.com, or directly from their mobile phone by texting "REG" to 23129. Once registered, Eversource recommends customers add the outage text number to their contacts for quick access. Then, when a power outage occurs, text "OUT" to 23129 and "STAT" for updates. Customers can also report outages online or by calling 1-800-286-2000. To learn more, visit Eversource.com.

Twilight Golfing: Rockledge Golf Club has announced that Twilight Rates are now in effect. After 6:30 p.m., golfers may play as many rounds as they want before the sun goes down on weekdays and weekends for only \$11. Reservations are not necessary. Call 860-521-6284 to confirm weekly twilight starting times.

Smoke Testing begins September 5: The MDC will conduct smoke testing in its sanitary sewers in a select area of town to verify if there are any direct connections to the sewer (i.e. catch basins, roof leaders, etc.). Non-toxic and non-staining white smoke is inserted into the sanitary sewer systems by means of a smoke generating device. During the test, smoke will be observed emitting from the manhole covers on the street and vent pipes located on the homes and local business establishments. Testing will be completed in one-to-two days and will be focused in the area of the following streets: Kirkwood Road, Vardon Road, Sycamore Road, Fairway, Eastwood Road, Belknap Road, Asylum Avenue and Bainton Rd.

Results of Distracted Driving Campaign: The Police Department recently participated in the Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement campaign sponsored by the CT DOT Highway Safety Office. During the two-week period (August 2 to August 16, 2017), officers issued 338 infractions for distracted driving offenses. When combined with the April 2017 campaign, a total of 1,053 infractions were issued.

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